

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

- 1.-18. (Canceled)
19. (New) A method of treating skin comprising applying a cosmetic composition comprising citrulline to skin so that active oxygen in the skin is scavenged by the citrulline.
20. (New) The method of claim 19 wherein the cosmetic composition contains citrulline in an amount of from 10 mM to 1000 mM.
21. (New) The method of claim 19 wherein the cosmetic composition contains citrulline in an amount of from 50 mM to 500 mM.
22. (New) A cosmetic composition wherein the improvement comprises citrulline in an amount effective to scavenge active oxygen when applied to the skin.
23. (New) The cosmetic composition of claim 22 wherein the cosmetic composition contains citrulline in an amount of from 10 mM to 1000 mM.

24. (New) The cosmetic composition of claim 22 wherein the cosmetic composition contains citrulline in an amount of from 50 mM to 500 mM.

25. (New) A method of preventing active oxygen injury comprising adding citrulline to a cosmetic composition to decrease active oxygen content.

26. (New) A method to improve preservation of an active oxygen phobic substance, the method comprising adding citrulline to decrease active oxygen content of the active oxygen phobic substance.

27. (New) The method according to claim 26, wherein the active oxygen phobic substance is a medicine, a food or a cosmetic.